





REPUBLICAN MEETINGS IN AROOSTOOK.

Mon. William B. Allison.

Mon. Saml. L. Miliken.

of Bangor, will speak in Aroostook as follows:

PORT FAIRFIELD, Thursday, Aug. 20.

Senator Allison

will speak at

BLAINE, Friday, Aug. 21.

LINCOLN, Saturday, Aug. 22.

Mr. Miliken

will speak at

EASTON, Friday, Aug. 20.

MONTICELLO, Saturday, Aug. 21.

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THE WAY TO PUNISH MONEY SHARKS.

(For the Whig and Courier.)

If we are to undertake a crusade it is

necessary to understand our bearings.

It will not pay to emulate the indiscriminate

vengeance of the savage who hurls the

tomahawk at random. No doubt, an

out pouring of Dennis-Kennedy epithets,

an outpouring of clabs, bricks, and

paving-stones against loanholders and banks,

and a loud outcry against the money power,

money sharks, blood-suckers, vampires,

and the like, may awaken some echo in

the popular heart. Still these expedients

are not just the thing. It is discreditable

to frighten people with pictures of these

draconian beasts, unless we can prove their

existence, declare their location, and tell

how to deal with them practically.

Two questions, then, are to be asked.

(1) Who are the money sharks? (2)

What means shall be used to break their

jaws and crush their appetite? In answer

to the first question it will not do to

say indiscriminately that capitalists are the

money sharks, for every one knows that

many of these are great benefactors to so-

ciety, by their enterprise and ability sup-

plying employment to needy thousands.

It will not do, also, to say indiscriminately

that the land holders are money sharks.

Since many of the present holders are

highly exemplary people of moderate

means and the great bulk of the land

investment are not extravagant. As re-

gards those who invested in bonds in the

days of the nation's peril, if they made

well by their outlay, it was only a just re-

ward for the confidence and good will

which they rendered and which were vital

to the salvation of the nation. Again, it

will not do to say indiscriminately that

bankers are money sharks, since banks are

an indispensable convenience of civilized

society.

Where, then, are the men who as a class

may truly be termed money sharks. Is it

that section of bankers who are organized

under the National system? Let us see.

Something, perhaps, can be said even for

the National bankers. (1). Their business

is so monopoly. It is as open as day to

the manufacture of cotton cloth, or any other

business which requires considerable means

for a start. (2). While the privilege of

issuing notes is accorded to the National

bankers is a great privilege, it is one for

which compensation is given in the form

of the interest on the loans made. What-

ever the privilege is, it is no greater than that

enjoyed by the old State banks, and indeed

taken in connection with existing restric-

tions seems to be less, since many in certain

sections desire a revival of banks of issue

under State law, that they may avail them-

selves of its looser and more liberal regu-

lations. (3). Official reports show that

the earnings of the National banks are not

excessive, and the same might be said of

judged from the little ambition which they

have to go into the system. Their earn-

ings are declared to be no more than those

of well-regulated banks of other kinds.

Comptroller Knox before the recent con-

vention of bankers at Saratoga testified

that he was accustomed to give this advice:

"If you are a private banker and have un-

double credit and the confidence of your

customers, and your business is well in hand,

you can with skill and good management

undoubtedly make more money by contin-

uing as you are than by subjecting your-

selves to the numerous and burdensome re-

strictions of the National Bank act. If you

make a State bank, and your stockhold-

ers are in accord, and do not take advan-

tages of their position, either as share-

holders or directors, to borrow all your

money from the present organization which

is free from the restrictions of the National

system, can be made more profitable as it

is than as a national association. (4).

Leaving out of view the taxes which the

National banks may be made to pay for

their privileges, it is worth while to pay

something for a flexible system, which

MAINE POLITICAL NOTES.

Hon. J. G. Blaine and Hon. Mr. Up-

degraff addressed a large and enthusi-

astic audience at Congress Hall, Bangor, on

Monday night.

When Senator Blaine spoke, "I feel it in

my bones that we're going to sweep the

State." It is time to give up all doubt about

Maine.—N. Y. Tribune.

Governor Grover spoke to a large

audience at Springfield, Tuesday evening.

He showed that the honestest law was the

law of the Republic, and that the honest

law of the Republic was a Democratic measure.

A note from a town in Knox county

says: "I have just returned this evening

from the organization of a Davis Club.

We start with 65 good men and true. Only

14 of this number voted the Republican

ticket last year. Fire of the number

voted Greenback.—Kennebec Journal.

A gentleman in Bangor, doing business

there but having his residence in Litch-

field in a note to the Kennebec Journal

says: "I propose to come to Maine on the

21st of September to vote for D. R. Davis."

That shows how Republicans should be

feeling about the Maine election.

The statement of the Lewiston Gazette

that A. S. Blethen Esq., of Portland, is to

take the stump for the Greenback or fusion

ticket in Portland, is denied by that gentle-

man. On the contrary Mr. Blethen is so







